during the year, 3,19,100 new farmers will be brought under institutional credit in Karnataka.

Artisan credit card scheme in Karnataka

1960. SHRI K.B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NABARD had set a target of enrolling 50,000 artisans under the Artisan credit Scheme last year in Karnataka;

(b) if so, how many artisans in Karnataka were benefited during the last year;

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to enroll more artisans under the above scheme in Karnataka; and

(d) what is the target fixed under the above scheme for Karnataka during the year 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Review of customs and excise duty structure

1961. SHRIMATI VANGAGEETHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the existing customs and excise duty structure of crude and petro products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) its impact on consumers oil companies and Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) After the presentation of the budget on 8.7.2004, certain changes have been made in duty rates on 18.8.2004 and 30.9.2004. There has been no change in the rate of basic customs duty on crude petroleum.

(b) The requisite details are given in the enclosed Statement. (See below).